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ARON BILL DIES IF IT SNEAKS BY TO GOV. SPROU

Too Busy to Discuss "Such Legislation," Which He Won't Approve

POINTS TO HIS STAND ON "NO CHARTER TINKERING"

Vares Skidded, but Street Cleaning Amendment May Trick Way Through House

ENDANGERED BY DELAY

Backers of Measure Were Drowsy and Put Scheme Across Late

By a Staff Correspondent Harrisburg, April 22.-Should the Aron bill by any evil chance sneak a devious way through the House and go before the Governor for approval, Mr. Sproul would refuse to sign it.

This is the understanding here today, although the Governor himself says, for the public ear, that he "will not discuss" this Aron bill, which would give the Vares a new grip on the streetcleaning business in Philadel-

Mr. Sproul is emphatic that he has too many important things on his mind to bother about "such legislation" as this, and he refers to his message to the Legislature, in which he said there should be "no tinkering" with the new charter.

The Governor plainly means

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN Harrisburg, April 22 .- It is an axiom n Philadelphia politics that "the or

Dave" Lane's district, till it was rushed of efficiency.
"But if the city had to let the conbrough the Senate yesterday afternoon. A place on the House calendar will be secured for it today very probably. city charter by ally two words. The charter uses the month earlier. word "may" in two places. The Aron

amendment makes it read "shall." This s the way the charter will read if the Provided. That any such work street cleaning and ash and rubbish

vote of a majority of all the me bers elected, etc., etc. The Mayor or the Council shall, prior to the first day of August of any year, in-vite bids for such work.

How Vare Men Erred

Where the Vare organization men drewsed was neglecting the introduc-tion of this bill until so late in the session. It will have to take a low place on the House calendar, and may not be reached before adjournment; that is, unless the bill is "tricked" onto the calender and then, in the rush of the ast hours, is jammed through when no-If the charter builders who were se

solicitous for the new Philadelphia legislation are up to snuff they will have a committee on guard here all next week. It will be the easiest thing for the Vare people to slip something over and in five days undo the work of five

months of two years ago.

There is little doubt that the repeal of the full-crew rathroad law will be

May Act Backward One of the peculiar things that some-

times bobs up at legislative sessions has come to the front in connection with It is an amendment would not only practically nullify the repealer, but would give added effect to Continued on Page Twenty, Column One

Important Activities

in Legislative Session

Senate recommits Millar transit bill to pickling committee. This is the bill the purpose of which is to end excessive rentals paid by P. R. T. Co. to underlying companies, Governor has dry enforcement bill returned to committee to restore more

of its teeth, removal of which he had previously yielded to. House passes bill replacing state Education Board with a state education council. Senate passes teachers' salary increase bill, which now will

be signed by the Governor. Administration bill creating a welfare department, in which several exnt bodies would be merged, will subjected of conference today and

may be reported out of committee. Governor signs sheaf of bills, i cluding one increasing pay of Philatipstaves to maximum

House passes grade crossing elimination bill as joke on author. Albert E. Rinn, of Lehigh; but the Senate is now expected to pass it and it may become law. It would elimnate the

crossings in fifty years.
One hundred and thirty bills, appropriating \$15.853.681, reported to House and passed for first time. House and passed for first time.

House defeats housing bill advocated by State Chamber of Commerce. The general appropriations bill for state expenses is reported to House for third reading and recommitted to be made up. It totals more than \$55,000,000.

JOHN W. PATTON DIES

Former Penn Professor Served Council and on School Board John W. Patton, formerly professor in the law department at Penn, died. ast night at his home, 2223 De Lancey

Mr. Patton, who was born in Philadelphia, in 1843, was at one time a member of the Board of Education. He also served in Common Council.

He was elected from the Tenth ward in 1881 under the auspices of the original committee of one hundred. Mr. Patton was in Council until 1885.

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He was a trustee and elder of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Patton is survived by a widow, who was Miss Florence B. Crew, and by several children.

Mr. Patton was Be son of the Rev. Dr. John Patton, Presbyterian clergyman, of this city. After spending his freshman year at Penn he entered Princeton, where he was graduated in 1863. He studied law at Harvard and in the office of John C. Bullitt. He practiced law in the firm name of Rand & Patton.

& Patton.

In 1887 he was elected president of the Mortgage Trust Co. of Pennsylvania. He resigned in 1896 because of ill nealth. In 1897 he was appointed to the new professorship of the practice of law.

His first wife was Mary Blackiston of Middletown, Del., and there survives of this union J. Woodward Patton, Jr., Mrs. Lucius H. Beers, of New York; Mrs. Schuyler G. Woodhull, of Minneapolis; Henry B. Patton, Jr., of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Henry R. Cart-right, Jr., of New York.

RALLY TO WHIP

Bill Contractors' Plot to Restore Contract Street Cleaning, Caven Says

The Aron bill is a plot by contractors o ferce the city back to cleaning its streets by contract, said Director Caven

Should this measure, which has passed the Senate and now goes to the House ecome a law, it would wipe out one of the vital provisions of the city char-

er. Mr. Caven went on.

"The city today is cleaning the dis-rict bounded by Columbia avenue, South street, and the two rivers for less noney than the lowest bid made by any outractor for the work, and it must be apparent to the average citizen that the work is being done very much better." Mr. Caven said.

"There is not a doubt in the minds of the men connected with the bureau That it is equally a fact that it sometimes gets drowsy and overlooks things, that is the case with the Aron bill.

It was just thirty-eight hours from the time the bill was introduced by Sentar Aron, who comes from "Uncle on the case of the men connected with the bureau cleaning of streets that the municipal force is much more flexible and better able to remedy any defects that exist. For example, this year the central section of the men connected with the bureau cleaning of streets that the municipal force is much more flexible and better able to remedy any defects that exist. For example, this year the central section of the men connected with the bureau cleaning of streets that the municipal force is much more flexible and better able to remedy any defects that exist.

tract, containing specifications calling for the cleaning of streets in the cen-tral section of the city at night after May 1, it would not have been possible as we have done this year to start in a

Blow at Efficiency

"If the amendment passes it will break down the aim of the Department of Public Works, which is to build up an efficient organization to take care of the cleaning of the streets in the entire city and to do the work at the lowest possible cost. The city might be confronted with having to dispose of its street cleaning plant in one year and having to buy it back the next, entailing a big loss.

big loss.
"The Aron amendment not only affects street cleaning, but the very important matter of repairing streets. The city has just built an exceptionally good asphalt plant to take care of repairs to streets promptly. In the past the street repair work. Street repair contracts have proven unsatisfactory. It is ficult to draw specifications properly in street repair contracts, since there is always a dispute as to the method of measuring breaks and holes under the contract system.

"Aside from this there is a long de-

"Aside from this there is a long to lay in repairing when a serious break occurs in a street, due to the time required to draw up such contracts. The building of the municipal asphalt plant has done away with all these problems, and the city is now in a position to make repairs to streets an hour after required repairs are reported.

Passage of the Aron amendment would be a step backward, which I am sure the citizens of Philadelphia, especially those who fought for the new

Mr. White Gets Busy

Thomas Raeburn White, chairman of he subcommittee on charter of the general charter committee, says he will confer with the Bureau of Municipal Research on the amendment sponsored

by Aron.
"The bill should not be passed because it destroys the system provided by the charter for handling the street cleaning of the city," said Albert Smith Faught, a member of the subcommittee. "As a member of the charter committee, I am of the opinion that the bill will not pass the House, and if passed, will be voted by the Governor. Mr. Sproul is in entire sympathy with the purposes of the new charter.

Frederick P. Gruenberg, director of the Bureau of Municipal Research and a member of the charter committee, termed the Aron bill "an absurdity." The charter as it now stands with re spect to street cleaning is a perfect home-rule measure, he said. The proed amendment would open the way "flimflamming the public again and

Councilman Develin, an independent, xpressed himself forcibly in urging lefent of the bill. He said: "Adoption of the Aron bill would be

triking advances made by the charter e provision allowing the city to do its own street cleaning. It was the first step to get rid of the contractor influence in the city government.

"If the oill were passed and ap-proved by the Governor it would have "If the oill were passed and approved by the Governor it would have the effect of paralyzing efforts of the Department of Public Works and would cause a great less in connection with the plant that has been provided for street cleaning."

COOL WOMAN THIEF

Attractive Burglar, Armed and Crafty, Directs Crippled Man to Bind, Gag and Loot

HER MOTHERLY INSTINCT ROUSED BY CRIES OF TOTS

A woman burglar accompanied by man who had a peg leg attacked Mr. and Mrs. L. Ashton in their home in Vineland, N. J., early today, and after binding and gagging them, stole \$127 and jewelry and escaped.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashton received slight njuries and are suffering from nervous shock. A description of the two burglars has been sent to the Philadelphia and Camden police.

Woman Thief Is Young

Shortly before midnight the woman, who was about twenty-five and at tractive, called at the Ashton home, 522 North Fourth street, and told Mrs. Ashton her mother, Mrs. Eye, had met with a serious accident and needed atention. The woman then left and Mrs. Mr. Ashton arrived and urged his wife-not to go. He said he thought the mes-sage was a trick. Mr. and Mrs. Ash-ton then retired. The latter placed \$127 under a pillow before going to

sep. Shortly after midnight there was Shortly after midnight there was a knock at the front door. Mr. and Mrs. Ashton answered it together. The woman who called earlier was there; this time accompanied by a man.

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"Yes, said the cripple, "you'd better

both go."
Mr. and Mrs. Ashton were about to shut the door when the visitors drew widow and two sons. revolvers. Both Were Armed

"Don't move a hand," said the roman or you'll regret it." "Keep quiet," the man added. The woman who appeared to be di-recting the proceedings, then ordered Mr. and Mrs. Ashton to go up stairs. Husband and wife were forced into their bedroom. While the woman covered both with her revolver, the man tore sheets and bound the hands and feet of the victims. A towel was then stuffed in the mouth of each.

"Take the man to the back room and lock him in," the woman ordered. The cripple obeyed.

While Mr. Ashton was being taken to rea. room, the woman burgiar lighted

a cigarette and sat down.
"I hate to have to bind you," said
the woman to Mrs. Ashton, "but we
can't afford to take any chance."

Just then two children who were in an adjoining room started to cry. Mrs. Ashton moved as though she would like

Don't say another word."

The gag was removed for a moment and Mrs. Ashton complied with the orders. The children then remained

The woman thief then searched every room in the house. She found the money under the pillow and then took several pieces of jewelry. As the couple were about to depart, the woman took a \$5 bill from the roll

wall and knocked against it with her foot. Mrs. Mary Schenley, who lives next door, was aroused and freed the

Flee Toward Philadelphia

"I think they must have known we had the money," said Mrs. Ashton, "for they were deliberate and made no attempt to rob any one else The burglars went to Millville and from there took a taxicab to Camden. Chief of Police Hudson, of Vineland, traced them there and with the aid of

Captain Humes, of the Camden police, has obtained several clues. It was learned that a pair supposed to be the cripple and girl stopped at a Camden hotel several days ago.

The couple were in Millville Tuesday and registered in a Millville hotel as Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of New York. The man told several persons that he had lost his leg in the war and was now employed as a salesman.

TICKLED LADY ASTOR

She Tells of Delicate Sheets in Lux

urlous Country Home London, April 22 .- Sir Shirley Benn, who describes himself as "one of the male members for Plymouth," told an amusing story when the Earl of Plymouth was presented with the freedom of the Glaziers' Company.
"Lady Astor," he said, "who is a

woman of great courage and nimble wit, once asked me why a certain gentleman had voted with the Labor party. can't think that he has anything in old, a retired school teacher of Dauphin, common with the labor people, she may die from burns received today when said. 'He lives in the lap of luxury and she tripped on a branch of a tree and if you go to his country seat he puts you into beds where the sheets are so delicate that you are tickled all night with the blankets."

INDICT NEGRO'S LYNCHERS

Nine Georgians Must Answer Charge Camilla, Ga., April 22.—(By A. P.) -Nine indictments have been returned by the county grand jury in connection with the lynching last January of Jim

Reland, a Negro, said to be the first such findings in the state under what is known as the "mob violence act." The charges are murder and mob violenec and all of the indicted men, ex-cer, two, have been arrested and re-lezsed on \$10,000 bond, to be tried next week. Roland was shot and killed by a mob

some Negroes dance, and that when Roland came along Harrell tried to make him dance also. Roland, it was testified, refused to dance, whereupon both pulled their pistols and began firing, Harrell falling badly wounded.

Germantown and Highland avenues, and today turned over to the Montgomery county authorities, charged with clipping copper wire from telephone lines near Fort Washington. He had a bagful of copper wire valued at \$20.

Lawyer Dies



M. TAYLOR PYNE Widely known lawyer in New York and director of several Philadelphia corporations victim of pneumonia

M. TAYLOR PYNE DEAD

Prominent N. Y. Attorney, Wel Known Here, Was 65 Years Old M. Taylor Pyne, prominent New York attorney, active in the affairs of Princeton University, of which he was a trustee, and well known in this city as a director of many large corporations, died this morning at 263 Madison avenue. New York, of pneumonia. He was sixty-five years old.

Mr. Fyne, a native of New York, was a graduate of Princeton University and a graduate of Princeton University and

umbia Law School. For twelve years he was general solicitor of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Co. He later

thwacket, near Princeton. He leaves a widow and two sons. Trainor jumped into a passing machine and ordered the driver to pursue the fugitives. They dashed down Broad street, the partolman reloading and Two Other Lads Injured When

Struck by Machines Two small boys were killed by auto mobiles and two others seriously in-jured yesterday. The dead are Ray-mond Corbett, four years old, 5843 Woodbine avenue, and Raymond Walters, four years old, 1622 North Bou-

der street.
Raymond Corbett was playing near his home when struck by an automobile driven by H. McChesley, of 1147 North Sixty-fifth street.

Raymond Walters was crossing Co-

laymond waiters was crossing Co-lumbia avenue at Bouvier street, and stepped from behind a westbound auto-mobile into the path of a vehicle pro-ceeding east on Columbia avenue. He was instantly killed. Arthur Finley, twenty-five years old, 1722 North Park avenue, driver of the automobile, and McChesney are held to await action of

Showed Motherly Instinct

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"I'll take the gag from your mouth," West Cambria street, was playing at said the woman, "and you tell them everything all right and to keep quiet.

Showed Motherly Instinct

Edward Marriott, six years old, 207

West Cambria street, was playing at leave to the bank shortly before midnight. They summoned Lawrence Andrew, the watchman, and following a regular custom, handed the reverything's all right and to keep quiet. George Ayling, 3423 North Hop

Ayling is being held pending the result of his injuries. Fred C. Romaine, 5914 Master street, was held under \$800 ball by Magistrate arrived. Carney, charged with running down Joseph Coanc, nine years old, 604 North Twenty-fourth street and Pennsylvania Chirurgical Hospital with a fractured

W. A. L. LAUGHTON DIES

Insurance Man, Long Prominent Desire to Appear in Movies Leads Here, Born in Orkneys

W. A. L. Laughton, an insurance man, died yesterday at his home, 252 West Johnson street. His funeral will day afternoon. Interment will be in Massachusetts, where Mr. Laughton made his home before he came to Philadelphia thirty years ago.

Mr. Laughton had been for many years Assurance Corporation of London. He of the Manayunk station, discovered thad been manager of the Middle Department of the company, embracing flashlight which each was using on the New Jersey, Pelaware and Pennsylvania, for thirty years.

in Boston. He was sent to Philadelphia we will study the actors we se o take charge of the business in this some day we will be like Charlie Chap

Mr. Lafughton was a member of St.

Mangus Cathedral, Kirkwall, the Union
League, Harmony Lodge, No. 42,
F. and A. M.; the Consistory, the
Chamber of Commerce and the Whitemarsh Country Club. He is survived
by the religious product of the reply. "You know a man has got
to go out and face the world some
time."
Their great ambition was not disby his widow.

FALLS INTO BRUSH FIRE

Aged Woman Trips Over Branch and Plunges Into Flames Harrisburg, April 22 — (By A. P.)— irs. Mary Sheesly, eighty-three years

Mrs. Mary

she tripped on a branch of a tree and pitched head foremost into a brush fire. The aged woman, who has lived alone more than half a century ago, was in which she has spent most of her summers. Mrs. Jacob Winegardner answered her screams, and was burned about the face and arms in pulling her from the fire. She taught in the Dauphin schools more than forty years.

New Castle, Pa., April 22.—Mrs. Minnie Douglas, aged fifty-three, died en route to the Sheaango Valley Hosg pital, of burns received this morning. She was alone in the kitchen at her home, and passersby, attracted by her screams, found her with her face buried in a small cot, her clothes ablaze. There was no fire of any other sort found in the room.

Arrested as Wire Clipper Thomas Pechio, of Carpenter street near Ninth, was arrested last night at Germantown and Highland

BULLETS WHISTLE AS BANDITS LEAD POLICE WILD CHASE

Three in Motorcar Captured After Thrilling Dash Down **Broad Street**

COLD LEAD PIERCES COAT OF ONE: EACH IS HELD

Three armed men in a motorcar led police a chase on Broad street early today in which many salvos of shots were fired.

The fugitives, George Wood, twentyeight years, old. Twenty-first street near Porter; John Doland, thirty years old, Eleventh street near Federal, and Harry Coons, alias Harry Carly, twenty-one years old, of Darby, were arrested and arraigned before Magistrate Oswald at the Nineteenth and Oxford streets station. The magistrate held them under \$1000 bail each for a fur-

morning and told three men in an au tomobile had been driving through the neighborhood and creating a disturb-

The patrolman caught sight of th men and called to them to halt and for answer one of them fired three shots at him, all of which went wild. shots at him, all of which went with.

He ran up to the car and emptied his revolver into the tonneau. One of the bullets struck Doland, passing the bullets through his overcoat, coat and vest, but not even cutting his silk shirt.

firing, and the men in the speeding ca ahead returning the fire. Two More Patrolmen Join in Chase

Motorcycle Patrolmen Conley and cone heard the shots and joined in The three men abandoned their car at Wett and Stiles streets and threw their revolvers away.

The patrolmen pursued the fugitives on foot. Trainor caught Doland; the motorcycle men caught boland; the motorcycle men caught the others.

Five bandits in a touring car attempted to hold up and rob Frederick Gensel and B. S. Weaver, officials of the Memorial Building and Loan Association, in front of the Northwestern National Bank, Broad street and Fairmount avenue late last night.

nount avenue late last night.

Went to Bank Near Midnight Gensel and Weaver, of the Memoria gate in the grilled droor of the bank.

Just as Andrew extended his hand for

Despite the fact that a revolver stared him in the face Gensel shoved the bag of money into the watchman's hand. The wicket gate closed with a snap with the money safe inside.

Two Youngsters Far Astray Francis and Phillip May, both in their early 'teens, left their home, 1539

'THEY WOULD A-ACTING GO'

Spring Garden street, yesterday after-noon and fared forth into the world to become "movie" stars.
At 2 o'clock this morning they were with the Employers' Liability screen actors. District Detective Green

embracing flashlight which each was using on the Pennsylva- other in imitation of the projector light. ia, for thirty years.

He was born at Kirkwall, Orkney said:

"We are planning to make the rounds "We are planning to make the rounds to the said." Islands, Scotland, and came to America "We are planning to make the rounds when a young man, being first connected with the company's home office will go out on the road. All the time

Their great ambition was not dis pelled by the presence of the police, for on the floor of the rollroom they continued their capers. They will be re turned to their parents today.

ROBBERS GET \$200,000

Armed Bandits Raid Chicago Jewelry Establishment

Chicago, April 22.-Two armed banidts today entered the J. J. Reingold jewelry concern on the fifteenth floor of a downtown building and, after forc-ing the owner and a traveling salesman nto a private office, escaped with cash jewels valued by the owner at

Mr. Reingold and Leroy Present, sor of the head of a diamond importing company in Rochester, N. Y., and traveling representative for the con ern, were the only persons in the store when the bandits entered. They were securely bound and the bandits spent ome time in ransacking the place.

BATTLE RAGES IN CAFE

Customers Attack Chinese Walter.

but Land in Cella John R. Walsh and Charles Bates, both of Fifty-third street above Columoia avenue, became so provoked waiter in a Chinese restaurant, at 6011 Market street, last night, that they attacked him with sugar bowls, knocked him down and kicked him, it is charged. The waiter, Wong Leung, was unconscieus when taken to the West Philadelphia Homeopathie Hospital. His skull is believed fractured.

Weish and Bates were held today in \$1500 bail each by Magistrate Price. \$1500 bail each by Magistrate Price.

U. S. REJECTS BERLIN PLEA; SEEKS TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW REPARATION PARLEY

America's Stand May Cause Entente to Alter Its Proposed Course

PREMIERS NOT LIKELY TO IGNORE SUGGESTIONS

French Regret That Hughes Reply to Teutons Was Not Categorical Refusal

By the Associated Press London, April 22.-Dramatic efforts on the part of Germany to induce the United States to arbitrate the reparations question between Berlin and the Entente governments, and the refusal of the Washington government to sit in judgment on the merits of the vexing problem, have lent new interest to the conference at Lympne on Sunday be-tween Premier Briand, of France, and Prime Minister Lloyd George, of Great

Britain. The expressed desire of the United States that there be "an immediate resumption of negotiations" has brought into the situation a new element, as it had been popularly supposed the two premiers would merely consider plans for further occupation of German territory, and not a renewal of exchanges between London and Paris and Berlin. The new factors entering into the situation make it probable that Mr. Lloyd George and M. Briand will find themselves called upon to make some sort of answer to the implication in the

ther negotiations should be commenced Military Plans Complete

It is known that military authorities France have perfected all plans for e occupation of cities and towns in industrially important Ruhr district of Germany, and have formulated economic penalties that will be put into operation when occupation of these

places has been completed.

Germany, at the same time she appealed to Washington, sent a communication to the Allies rejecting the demand that the gold holdings of the Reichsbank in Berlin be deposited before May 1 in either Cologne or Coblenz as security for reparation payments. These holdings amounted to 1,091,598,-

000 marks on April 15. ping delegation has reduced by 2,500, 000 tons its estimate of the amount of shipping turned over to the Allies under Versailles treaty.

Valuation Cut Down

The Germans originally asserted that

gate in the grilled droor of the bank.

Just as Andrew extended his hand for the money a touring car with five men arrived. Three of the men remained in the car and the other two drew revolvers and ordered the officials to throw tional penalties by the Allies

> Paris, April 22.—(By A. P.)—
> French official circles expressed disappointment today that the American reply to Germany's request for mediation was not a categoric refusal, as had been expected here. The regrets were miti gated, however, by satisfaction that the timony in the case of three men accused interest in the reparations question. quarters here to have assured Am- and Shunk streets.

Secretary Hughes' Note Replying to Berlin

The text of Secretary Hughes' an swer to Germany's reparations plea

"This government could not agree to mediate the question of reparations with a view to acting as um pire in its settlement. Impressed nowever, with the seriousness of the issues involved as they affect the whole world, the Government of the United States feels itself to be deeply concerned with the question of obtaining an early and just so lution. This government strongly desires that there should be an immediate resumption of pegotiations and reiterates its carnest hope that the German Government will promptly formulate such proposals

as would present a proper basis for liscussion "Should the German Govern nent take this course, this govern consider bringing the matter to the attention of the alied governments in a manner ac ceptable to them in order that ne gotiations may speedily be re

BELIEVE 'BIG BILL' IS HIDING IN U. S. FOR MAY DAY PLOT

ters for I. W. W. Secretary

sumed."

Chicago, April 22 .- (By A. P.) tions of neadquarters of radicals in ject of reparations. But there has been in the belief that "Big Bill" Haywood, regards as just reparations, what criti-W. W. chief, reported yesterday to have fled to Russia, was being concealed in this country in connection with alleged plans for a May Day

Application for full pardons for four I. W. W.'s convicted in Chicago with Haywood were made today to the De-Harry Weinberger, of New York. The department was told there "was not a ing of the situation it is necessary to scintilla of evidence" to show that the four men were guilty of violation of the espienage act or of conspiracy to ob-

struct the draft. York; Jack Law, of Pittsburgh; Vin-cent St. John, of Chicago, and Gio-vanni Baldazzi, of New York. Haywood, who disappeared just he was about to begin a twenty-year penitentiary sentence for obstructing this country's war activities, must sur-

render by Monday or his bonds will be forty-two years, plus a levy of 121/2 per forfeited and he officially will become a cent yearly upon Germany's total ex-4,600,000 tons of shipping, valued at 7,000,000,000 gold marks, had been district attorney's office announced toturned over, but she has notified the Entente that an alternative valuation "Big Bill" was out under boud of Ger

> word that Haywood had reached Russia but they said they believed he had gonc

on a personal mission. Efforts are being made to reach him by cable.

volving Three Men The jury that vesterday heard the tes-

United States was displaying an active of conspiracy to rob a tailor shop at goods coming into their territories, interest in the reparations question. 1220 West Moyamensing avenue report. The American answer is interpreted ed to Judge Shull in Quarter Sessions here as an invitation to Germany to Court this morning they had been un-

continue the conversation with Ger- It was charged the defendants, John many on this subject except in accord Moran, 2231 South Fifteenth street, It was charged the defendants, John found near a motion picture house at Hughes is understood in authoritative the Y. M. C. A. branch at Thirteenth quarters here to have assured Ambassador Jusserand to this effect.

Germany's appeal to Washington ed Patrolman John McClosky, of the
main to be fixed, although the Allles
caused little surprise here. It had been
more or less anticipated, and was taken
more or less anticipated, and was taken
as evidence that Berlin had reached the
more of real stance.

It had been fourth street and Snyder avenue station, and promised him a reward for
protection. The hearing of testimony

Mr. Hughes' words, "a just solumit of her powers of resistance.

Absolute confidence that "America and the jury retired to deliberate, Court Continued on Page Twenty, Column Five was adjourned until this morning.

ARMED ROBBERS STEAL \$5000 FROM CHAUFFEURS

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 22 .- Seventy-five chauffeurs were held up in their clubrooms here early today by four armed men

U. S. MAY PARTICIPATE IN PERU'S CENTENNIAL

and robbed of \$5000. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

WASHINGTON, April 22 .- The United States would be represented by a commission at the coming centennial celebration of Peruvian independence under a resolution reported favorably by the Senat foreign relations committee on recommendation of President Harding.

SMALLPOX SHIP QUARANTINED AT NEW YORK NEW YORK, April 22 .- The French steamer Roussillon from

Havre was held at quarantine today after the ship's officers had reported death of a child from smallpox April 20. The 178 steerage passengers were transferred to Hoffman Island for vaccination and observation.

14 HORSES ARE RESCUED

Man Aided by Patrolman Takes Animals From Burning Stable Fourteen horses were saved from death last night in a fire that partially

Forty-fifth street. Medley was looking out of a win- colledow in his home when he noticed smoke issuing from the stable. He called Patrolman Johnson, of the Forty-second parents and a friend, the other occudistrict, and the two succeeded in re- pants of the car, were not seriously moving the fourteen horses stabled there. The loss to the building was about \$1500. injured.

Three Others Injured When Train

Hits Car on Grade Grossing Montreal, Quebec, April 22 .- (By A. P.)-Three persons were killed and three others injured when their autodestroyed a stable at the rear of the mobile was struck late last night by a house of Alexander Medley, 704 North southbound Delaware and Hudson Rail

way train at Hughes Crossing, near La The dead are Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Beaudin, of this city, and their infant granddaughter, Leona Blair. The child's

When you think of writing.

Harding, Refusing to Mediate, Stresses "Just" Solution in Suggesting New Discussion

ALLIES MAY STRIP FORMER

ENEMY OF HER ASSETS Victors Likely to "Throw Ger-

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Restoration

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1981, by Public Ledger Co. Washington, April 22.-The United States, in a prompt reply to Germany's appeal to President Harding to act as mediator between Germany and the Allies on the question of reparations, refused the request, but expressed the hope that the German Government would present proposals as a basis for

the renewal of negotiations. The American note is taken here to indicate not only the government's desire to see the reparations question reopened, but a wish to participate in a conference with the Allies and with the German Government upon it. Mr. Hughes speaks of obtaining an early Federal Agents Comb Radical Cen- and just solution.

The adjective "just" has repeatedly been applied by both President Hard-Federal officials today announced they ing and Secretary Hughes to the subthe country no disclosure of what this government cism it makes, if any, of the sum which the Allies are now trying to collect of Germany by the military measures which they are now planning and which involve an advance and occupation of

trial cities of which it is the base. recall that the treaty fixed a certain basis of reparations to be worked out in detail and applied later by the rep-The men are Charles Ashleigh, of New arations commission. At a conference held in Paris some months ago the Supreme Council, using the figures preas pared by the reparations commission, demanded of Germany the payment of about \$56,000,000,000 over a period of

turned over, but she has notified the Entente that an alternative valuation on a lower basis will be submitted soon.

Dr. Walter Simons, German foreign amount had to be scheduled by his minister, will speak in the Reichstag next Monday or Tuesday, and will answer questions as to the allied demands and the position taken by the Basic government.

Germany at a conference held in London refused to agree to pay this amount. As the treaty made reparations payable in thirty years, and as the balance was furnished by several persuccess. He amount fixed at Paris and Could Not Legally Collect subsequently demanded at London

could not legally be exacted. Threfore, the Allies fell back upon the basis which Germany agreed to in the treaty, which involves a larger sum than that fixed at Paris and rejected by Germany, to be paid in thirty years. In place of the export levy of 121/2 per cent, both England and France have. by domestic legislatton, laid an import duty of 50 per cent upon all German

This creates an impossible situation. Germany is asked to pay an enormous resume negotiations with the Allies. It alle to reach a verdict and were disis thought that the communication in- charged from further consideration of a prohibitory tax is levied upon German goods imported by her creditors. As the trenty contemplated an adjustment of reparations by the reparations commission, in the light of its inves-

> tion," are not, therefore, to be taken as a criticism of the work of the Paris and the London enoferences which fixed \$56,000,000,000 plus the $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent levy so much as a criticism of the failure to agree upon an equitable basis of settlement such as the Versailles Treaty itse'f contemplated.

No Definite Opinion on Total Sum As to the amount of reparations which Germany can and should pay it is doubtful if Mr. Harding and Mr. Hughes have a definite opinion. During the latter part of the Wilson administration Norman Davis, who was undersecretary of state, bad been one of the economic advisers of the American delegation to the Peace Conference, Mr. Davis had settled views. He regarded the \$56,000,000,000 fixed at Paris and London as excessive and beyond Germany's ability to pay. He regarded the 1216 per cent levy as improper, since it tended to close the markets of the world to German goods.

His influence upon the present administration was nothing more than to suggest certain doubts in Mr. Hughes' mind. In general it is believed here that Mr. Hughes inclines to place at a higher figure both Ger-THREE DEAD IN AUTO CRASH many's obligation to pay and Germany's especity to pay than did Mr. Davis and the Wilson administration. But as Mr. Hughes expects that the Continued on Page Twenty, Column Hig

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